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PETITION FOR FOUR-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a four-month extension of time to respond to the November 6, 2000 Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. § 371 in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before April 6, 2001. A check in the amount of \$1,390.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1), is enclosed herewith.

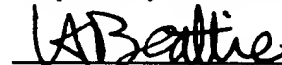
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